

SB 1426 (DeSaulnier)
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TWO-YEAR BUDGETING
Fact Sheet

SUMMARY

SB 1426 requires the Governor to submit to the Legislature a two-year spending plan in every odd-numbered year, commencing with the 2011-12 fiscal year.

BACKGROUND

Under current law, the Governor and Legislature consider the state's fiscal choices on an annual basis.

Critics of California's budget process say that the current system doesn't result in adequate long-term planning and certainty for programs and services administered by local governments and state departments.

Currently, 20 states practice some form of biennial budgeting.

While some states split a biennial session in two – one year for budget and the other for legislation, SB 1426 retains California's current process to the extent that the Legislature still must pass, and the Governor must sign, a budget every year.

SB 1426 will not only ensure that longer-term planning will be a bigger priority in the state's budget process, it will also lead to a more transparent planning estimate process that will be subject to Legislative review and oversight.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATION

AB 499 (Canciamilla) of 2003.

THIS BILL

SB 1426 requires the Governor to submit to the Legislature, with the Governor's Budget for each fiscal year that begins in an odd-numbered year, commencing with the 2011-12 fiscal year, a proposed budget plan for the immediately following fiscal year.

The Governor's Budget subsequently submitted for the immediately following fiscal year must identify proposed modifications to the budget plan previously submitted to the Legislature for that year.

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SUPPORT

None on File

OPPOSITION

None on File

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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